



NAACP
Corvallis/Albany Branch

Bias Response Initiative

Building a Case for a City Officer and Office

Many of us reeled following recent incidents of racialized violence across our nation. The deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd as well as the targeting of Christian Cooper underscored the urgency for us in Corvallis to take local action to address the same white supremacy that has fueled this senseless violence no differently than the hate, bias and violence Corvallis residents with marginalized identities have experienced in our community. After several years of effort from NAACP and King Legacy Advisory Board leadership in support of a Bias Response Initiative, City of Corvallis elected officials were finally moved by the urgent need for change.

The City Council met on Monday, June 1, and there significant support for an initiative came forward: in-person testimony, letters, email and over 3000 petition signatures. Council voted 8-1 to support \$150,000 in the FY20/21 Budget be earmarked for a City Bias Response effort.

To read more about the work of Corvallis Action, the King Legacy Advisory Board and NAACP Corvallis/Albany Branch, read more at [Corvallis Action Bias Response Initiative](#).

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